

SOTO IS FREE OF CHARGE OF KNIFE ATTACK

(From Sunday's Daily)

Jesus Soto yesterday afternoon was given his liberty, a charge against him of assault with a deadly weapon having been dismissed by Judge C. H. McLane of the justice court upon motion of the county attorney. Insufficient evidence to convict, and the refusal of Jack Hughes, the complaining witness, to press the charge, were said to be the basis of the dismissal.

Soto was arrested Armistice night, November 11, following the stabbing of Jack Hughes, and charged with this crime. Hughes rushed into the street's pool hall on Montezuma street, bleeding. He had been stabbed in the right side, partly from the back. He declared a Mexican had done it.

Hughes was taken to the hospital and officers meanwhile arrested Soto, who was pointed out to them by a bystander. A pocket-knife with a three-inch blade was found on him. His face was bruised in two places. He protested innocence of the crime. It was at first thought that Hughes' life was in danger, but he later recovered, and at preliminary examination of Soto recently, refused to press the charge against the defendant.

Of interest in connection with the case is the accidental wounding of Henry L. Smith in the Antlers pool hall the night of Wednesday, November 29, by a man giving his name as Benjamin F. Marney, said to be a half-brother of Jack Hughes. Marney, according to Smith, was "looking for the man that stabbed his brother," and in the course of talk accidentally discharged a revolver in his pocket, wounding Smith.

Transferred from Mercy hospital to the post hospital at Whipple Barracks, Smith was reported at both hospitals yesterday to have been getting along well both before and after the transfer. The bullet had severed two intestines and a ligament and it was thought his life might be in danger.

SPECIAL ROAD BOARD MEETS

(From Wednesday's Daily)

Sheaves of letters and telegrams bearing on the Hassayampa road program were laid before the special road committee of the chamber of commerce Monday in a session devoted to a survey of the material with which this new organization will have to work. Chairman A. A. Johns presided and all but one member attended.

Since the appointment of the committee at a largely attended meeting of the chamber of commerce last Thursday, a good deal of correspondence has accumulated on the subject of federal aid and forest aid plans of the government. Opinion differs as to the effect of President Harding's call for reduction of costs on the local road program. The project to build the Hassayampa highway has received general approval in official circles, but the actual survey has not yet been stamped with the O. K. of the department of agriculture and the bureau of good roads. It is hoped, however, that the fact the project is under way and has the support of the state highway department will place the funds required to match Yavapai county money beyond the clippers of congress in case the reduction of budgets is carried to the extent of cutting federal aid as well as forest aid.

The Oak Creek project, on the other hand, is feared for. "That important highway link is only in the proposition stage yet, and although it has been favorably received by government officials, it is not as far advanced as the Hassayampa, with which it will ultimately form a part of a general north and south artery of travel. Mr. Johns will represent Prescott at the good roads association meetings at Phoenix and Douglas.

KERSEY AND EVANS ADMIT CALF THEFT AND ARE SENTENCED

Bert Evans and Vernon Kersey surrendered their rights to trial, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$300 each before Judge Sweeney yesterday.

Charged with the illicit butchering of veal, the defendant, who had been out on bond, appeared with P. W. O'Sullivan and entered their pleas yesterday, received their sentences and began serving them. They were accused by John C. Stephens and Fitzhugh Lee of having stolen the calf, the quartered carcass and hide having been found concealed in the rocks near Iron Springs.

SCOUTS CONDUCT A SANTA CLAUS SHOP FOR CITY'S XMAS

Boy scout headquarters underneath the Bank of Arizona building yesterday resembled the workshop of Santa Claus, for toys of every size and description from marbles to miniature Packards were undergoing repairs in order that they might grace the municipal tree on Christmas day. All last week, in co-operation with school authorities the Boy Scouts of Prescott gathered up cast-off toys from every source, and brought them to headquarters on Saturday. The results were more gratifying than hoped for, according to Andy Groenink, scout executive, and others who hacked the drive.

A total of 185 toys, over half of which are in splendid condition, were collected and brought to headquarters. Those in need of repairs, or additional paint will receive them before being delivered to the chamber of commerce. Dolls and books were brought in, in greatest number, a total of 39 dolls and 50 books being collected. Nearly all of the books were in good condition, showing few marks of usage. Many of the dolls appeared in new outfits of clothing, and most of those that did not are being "dressed up" from head to toe by the Y. W. C. A. girls who gladly volunteered for this work.

Kiddie cars, toy automobiles, music boxes, balls, wooden animals, puppets and footballs are among some of the toys that will gladden the hearts of Prescott's less fortunate children through the Christmas tide.

EASTERN STAR SERVICES FOR MRS. J. R. LOWRY

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth B. Lowry, widow of the late James R. Lowry, who died Monday night at the close of a long illness, will be held at Ruffner's chapel at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The services will be conducted by the officers of Golden Rule chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, of which lodge Mrs. Lowry was an active member.

Mrs. Lowry passed away at 8:40 Monday night, after an illness which had lasted many months, and which took her to California for her health. Since returning to Prescott two weeks ago with her sister, Dr. Margaret Banta, who was her constant attendant in her illness, Mrs. Lowry's condition declined rapidly toward the end. Her illness was brought about by a severe nervous breakdown.

Funeral services this afternoon will be attended by scores of friends, and will be attended with full Eastern Star rites. Interment will be at Mountain View cemetery, where Mrs. Lowry will be laid to rest beside her husband, and son, the late Lieut. James R. Lowry, Jr.

PALACIOS WENT RIGHT TO JAIL

Tomas Palacios proved himself an intrepid man yesterday by walking straight into jail, where he spent last night because he could not make bond on a charge of battery.

Wednesday night Palacios learned that a warrant for his arrest on this charge was in the hands of the sheriff. He sought the sheriff out and asked how about it.

"Couldn't say," replied a deputy who knew nothing of the warrant, "Come back tomorrow."

So, yesterday morning, Palacios faithfully returned in his capacity of a citizen anxious to learn wherein he had offended, and was informed that Polito Perez had complained against him for battery.

Palacios was haled before Judge McLane, pleaded not guilty, had bond fixed, failed to make it, and was led back to jail, muttering, "No mas polito!"

SAYS RANGE GOOD.

M. A. Perkins was in the city yesterday, having come in from his ranch at Perkinsville on business at the forest service office. Perkins says range conditions in his part of the country are good for this time of year. He has turned off some beef this fall, and his cattle are in good shape.

Try a Journal-Miner want ad.

WINTER SEASON OF CLUB DATED

Entertainment Committee of Yavapai Club Issues Calendar for Winter Season; Informal Dances and Formal Affairs.

An interesting series of social events is planned for the present season at the Yavapai club, in the calendar of social events now issued by the new entertainment committee, copies of which have been mailed to all club members.

The first affair will be an informal dinner-dance on Friday evening, December 15. "This is everybody's party," the entertainment committee announces. A choice of either cards or dancing will be afforded. Dinner will be from 7 to 9 and dancing from 7 to 12.

New Year's Ball

On Monday evening, January 1, will be held the Yavapai club's annual New Year's ball, a formal affair which will start the new year happily. Dinner will be served in the cafe from 6 to 8, and dancing will be from 9 to 12. This will be one of the important affairs of the winter.

A second informal dinner-dance in the series which is proving popular at the club is arranged for Wednesday evening, January 10. "Everybody's party" again, and a merry evening assured.

Cards will be available at these informal dinner-dances, but they will reign supreme at the big card party arranged for Friday evening, January 19. "Bring guests if you wish," the entertainment committee announces to club members, adding "We'll have more of this if you show by attendance that you want it."

"Fine feathers make fine birds," is the motto adopted for the grand masquerade ball arranged for Friday, January 26, at which the greatest variety and ingenuity of costume will be seen. Rivalry in costuming is expected to be keen, for the management has offered prizes for the best.

Friday evening, February 9, will see another informal dinner-dance with a choice of cards if desired.

Masonic Lodge Week

The week of February 12 will be Masonic grand lodge week, at which time the Masonic grand lodge will meet in Prescott. The facilities of the club will be placed at the disposal of the visitors, and when definite arrangements are made, the entertainment committee will announce the event for this period.

Masonic grand lodge week will be followed on the evening of Thursday, February 22, Washington's birthday, by a second formal ball. Dinner will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock and dancing held from 9 to 12. "We'll have cherries if they're ripe," announce the entertainment committee, with whom Manager Harry Byrnes is co-operating.

ONE WHEEL ON CURB, AUTO BODY IS LEVEL

Gordon Clark Demonstrates Flexibility of New Type of Automobile Spring to Crowd

An automobile spring of such flexibility that even though one wheel of a car may be from six to eight inches higher than the others, the body will remain level, was demonstrated around town yesterday by Gordon Clark.

The new spring is the "No-Shock," for which Clark has recently been appointed state agent for Arizona. He has a set on his own car, and demonstrated them yesterday by parking his car with one wheel on the curbing, leaving the other three on the ground, and the body of the car level. The springs are manufactured by a California concern.

AUSTRALIAN PEARL SHELLS SEEN HERE

A striking window display is featured at Matthias & Lynch's jewelry store this week, in co-operation with the holiday selling campaign of the LaTausca Pearl company. The central figure of the display is a beautiful pair of Australian pearl shells, more than eight inches in diameter, enclosed in a gray plush, silk-lined cabinet. Inside the shells, which are hinged and fastened with a clasp, is a lovely string of the best Sumatra pearls. According to the proprietors, their holiday business on LaTausca necklaces has been very satisfactory so far, and he anticipates a large part of it to the interest aroused by the novel display, trustee.

COURT CLOCK 'PULLED' UPON THE ATTORNEYS

Using the trial of Manuel Mendez as a vehicle, Judge Sweeney yesterday launched out upon a journey of exploration into the involved subject of the status of the Arizona bench. He halted the lengthy and rather drawn-out proceedings to indicate in the record an inquiry as to just where the introduction of collateral evidence can be stopped, and when the state and defense had rested and both announced no rebuttal, he indicated a period to the argument that caused the final stages of the case to take on the semblance of a horse-race.

"You gentlemen should be able to argue this case in 20 minutes to a side. Will that be sufficient?"

It seemed that the opposing attorneys thought 20 minutes would be plenty.

"Very well. Mr. Clerk, make a note of the time!"

Mr. Keohane cast his orbs on the official court clock.

Without any preliminary fingering and shuffling of notes and documents, the deputy county attorney stepped rapidly up to the rostrum and said: "Gentlemen of the jury

The argument was confined well within the specified 40 minutes. Judge Sweeney had indicated a desire to take up the instructions later. They were taken up later, but no time was wasted in their consideration, drafting and delivery. Before the dinner hour, the bailiff had been sworn and the jury was en route to its room.

The point upon which the court sought to curtail time-taking testimony was that of credibility of witnesses. The state had used a witness against Mendez whom the defense considered from its cross-examination a narcotic peddler, a boot-legger and a proprietor of a place of prostitution. The questions of the defense indicated a desire to impeach the state's witness, or at least to display him before the jury in such a light as to whittle down his standing as a stickler for truth and morality. The prosecution naturally sought through this opening to defend the credibility of its witness, and this, in turn, opened the flood-gates to more rebuttal testimony by the defense.

Judge Sweeney said that since the supreme court had made its famous ruling on credibility in the Fuller case (a Yavapai county trial) the superior court was at a loss to understand where the limit to such testimony might be found. The admission of "any" testimony bearing on the credibility of an adverse witness was, the court said, the apparent purpose of the appellate court in its Fuller ruling, but it was believed that this latitude would not be so broad when the supreme court again had an opportunity to rule on this question.

FORMER RESIDENT HAS BIG POSITION

Will Solomon of El Paso, brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. C. Nolan and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kastner, and a well known former resident of this city, has been appointed foreign purchasing agent for the National Railways of Mexico, says an item in an El Paso newspaper. This appointment embraces the purchasing of all materials used by this railroad that are not actually bought in New Mexico.

Mr. Solomon, who is manager of the Western Purchasing company of El Paso, was some years ago dispatcher at the local Santa Fe offices. He and Mrs. Solomon passed last summer in Prescott, and have many friends in this city. It is estimated that the value of the purchases which he will handle for the National Railways of Mexico will average about \$200,000 United States currency a month.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT AND ADMIT MEMBERS

At their regular meeting for election of officers Wednesday night, Arizona lodge No. 1, of the I. O. O. F., chose the following leaders for the coming year:

Albert Rau, noble grand; C. E. Rogers, vice-grand; C. E. Ryer, recording secretary; F. C. Moore, financial secretary; George M. Payne, treasurer; and George H. Bishop, trustee.

VERDE CENTRAL MAKES LARGEST STRIKE OF ORE

"Biggest Yet" Say Men at Mine; Ten-Foot Vein of Chalcopryite Showing High-Grade Values is Encountered at 800 Feet.

A report that the Verde Central had opened up a new showing of ore on the 800-foot level of its mine in the Jerome district, was confirmed here yesterday by word from W. F. Staunton, president of the Verde Central, who is at the mine.

This new ore body, while no assays are available, is all high-grade rock. Exploration of it during the last few days has shown it to be the most extensive and richest strike yet made in the Verde Central workings. The vein extends from several inches to eight or ten feet in places, and what the further extensions of it may be, only development will show.

The ore containing the values is chalcopryite, and the word from those at the mine is that "it looks awfully good." It will go fairly high in copper values, and is getting better every day. The ore was encountered to the south of the main Verde Central shaft. It is all right to ship, but the management is dumping the ore they are taking out onto the rock-pile and are following the vein up.

The strike is not what is called "a big strike," it was declared, "but it may be big. For all we can tell now, it may go to two or even three hundred feet after we get down into it." Exploration of the new vein is going ahead without excitement, but with the end in view of determining exactly what the strike will show.

NO RAINFALL? WE SHOULD WORRY! SAY BRITISH SHEEPMEN

"Possibilities" of grazing sheep on drought-stricken desert ranges are contained in the use of plants of the cactus species, according to an announcement of the southwestern district office of the forest service at Albuquerque, quoting a British experiment. In regard to sheep raising methods in Grootfontein, South Africa, "where sheep grow without water," the forest service asks:

"Shall we import Australian sheep into the southwest, or reseed our drought-stricken ranges with pure stands of Australian prickly-pear—which? The mere habit of drinking water which American sheep seem to have gotten into apparently means nothing in the young lives of Australian 'woolies.' A recent newspaper item credits the British Royal Agricultural farm, Grootfontein, South Africa, with this experiment: Sheep existed 'for 200 days solely on a diet of prickly-pears, and if a little lucerne plant is added, for 500 days, without a drop of water.'"

"We have written," concludes the forest service announcement, "for the rest of the story!"

LEGION LOOKING FOR LOST EX-SERVICE MAN

The American Legion, department of Arizona, is prosecuting a search for Robert Carter Page, on behalf of his father, W. H. Page, of Washington, D. C., and has advised Ernest A. Love post through Commander Albert D. Akin to determine whether young Page is in Prescott. The following description of the young man was made public yesterday:

Robert Carter Page enlisted in the army as a private in the flying school detachment, January 9, 1918, at San Diego. He was honorably discharged on June 20, 1919. Age, 25 years; height, 5 feet 6 inches; eyes, blue; hair, dark brown; has deep scar in the rim of his right eye; complexion, sallow when last seen. It is believed Page may be suffering from a mental relapse (aphasia), and that he may be in California or Arizona. He was formerly employed by the Sellers Manufacturing Co., Chicago; Cuyahoga works, Cleveland, Ohio. Any information relative to Page should be forwarded to his father, W. H. Page, 150 The Porter Apts., Washington, D. C., or to the information section, U. S. Veterans' Bureau.

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SEALS ON SALE BY THE STORES

Throughout the business district Christmas seals have now been distributed. Citizens who have not had an opportunity to purchase seals from the school children or others interested, can now buy direct from the business houses, thus increasing the sales. Headquarters of the committee are in the chamber of commerce and seals can also be purchased there.

"Unless more official Christmas seals are sold than last year, it will be impossible to continue the good work of the nurse," declared Dr. R. N. Looney, local chairman.

"If the citizens of Prescott realize the amount of good which has been done, directly, they would not hesitate to purchase seals. A few cents here and there will swell this fund."

This is one instance where direct results are had. Every dollar invested in these official seals goes for the prevention of tuberculosis.

LONG-DISTANCE ON RADIO HEARD HERE

A radio message from the far eastern coast was received Monday night by H. B. Hinman of Vyne Brothers company, when he listened to a complete program broadcast by station WHAZ of the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute at Troy, N. Y. Hinman's set is at his home in Miller Valley, and despite the great distance he had no difficulty in catching every note of the concert. The following program was given: "Homesick," foxtrot, orchestra; "Carolina in the Morning," foxtrot, orchestra; violin, flute and piano trio, Barcarolle Schubert; violin solo from Traumeri; clarinet duet, sextette from Lucia; march from the "Queen of Sheba," by symphony orchestra; and "Loving Sam, the Shiek of Alabazm," by the orchestra.

It is the intention of the Rensselaer Institute to broadcast a transcontinental program from station WHAZ on the second Monday of each month, according to announcements made during the course of the concert Monday night. They will begin at midnight, eastern time, and will be given by the best talent available, playing both classical and popular music.

A.C.A. SECRETARY TO SPEAK TO CATTLEMEN

H. M. Rice, secretary of the Arizona Cattle Growers' association, and C. U. Pickrell, Yavapai county agricultural agent, will address a meeting of cattle raisers of the Lower Oak Creek association at the Red Rock school house Saturday.

Both speakers have a message of importance to stockmen of that district and open discussion of local problems will be invited. Many cattle raisers have signified their intention of attending the meeting.

VISITS BROTHER HERE

Miss Helen L. Byrnes, sister of Harry Byrnes, manager of the Yavapai club, has arrived in Prescott on her way to Los Angeles to spend several days visiting her brother. Miss Byrnes is an evangelist and an accomplished musician, and for eight years has been connected with the Stephens evangelical party in the east. She plans to spend an extended vacation in California. She is registered at the Congress hotel.

FLOYD WILLIAMS IS HELD UP ON HIGHWAY BY 6 "RUM-HUNTERS"

(From Tuesday's Daily)

A month in California where he avoided the dangers of the open road and of the crowded city—and nowadays banditry is a marked part of city life—was wound up by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams and children with a hair-raising experience within a couple of miles of home, when they were halted by six men, claiming to be liquor seekers for the government. The hold-up occurred Saturday night near the Frank Brown ranch on the inner loop road. Williams was driving in by that road when he was commanded to halt, and the command was accompanied by a shot.

Bringing his car to a stop, the local garage man fingered his own weapon as the six men gathered around. They made no attempt to search the car, but told Williams they were federal rum-hunters and were on official business. He told them who he was and they made no further effort to stop or hold him.

But in the course of the brief conversations, Mr. Williams expressed himself with some detail on the subject of firing guns and frightening women and children, and reminded the six mysterious men that he might easily have assumed them to be road-agents and that he might have killed off a few of them under that misunderstanding.

In town yesterday, Williams attempted to check up on the activities of accredited federal prohibition agents in this vicinity but said he was unable to locate the men or any of them concerned in his hold-up.

The practice, however, of stopping cars on the open road by these rather brusque means, is dangerous, Floyd declares, for the average motorist is ready at all times to defend himself and his car against the yeggs who are not as scarce as they ought to be on the public highways.

IS THERE A HOODOO IN THIS LONG RIDE?

Is there a hoodoo on the Cave Creek district of the Prescott National forest? The experiences of two Prescott citizens would seem to indicate that there might be. Here's the story as it happened:

Last year Charles U. Pickrell, county agricultural agent, had occasion to visit the Cave Creek district of the Prescott forest, which is in the extreme southern part of the county on the edge of the desert, on business. He made the trip on horseback, a good hard ride, and when he returned to Prescott, he had to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

This year the same trip was made by H. B. Wales, Prescott forest supervisor. Wales has been down to Cave Creek and back frequently, without suffering from the experience. This time he made the trip on horseback, and when he returned just before Thanksgiving, he had to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Therefore, Messrs. Pickrell and Wales are asking themselves how about the jinx. What is there in Cave Creek to cave a man in, they ask? Jostling aside, they have come to the conclusion that the trip is pretty stiff, and if one is not in good physical condition when making it, he is likely to suffer.

Mr. Wales, who has been at Mercy hospital since his operation 10 days ago, was moved home yesterday. He is reported to be convalescing rapidly.

DRILLER SUES FOR \$15,000 FOR LOSS OF HIS EYESIGHT

Damages of \$15,000 for the loss of an eye are asked from the United Verde Extension Mining company in a suit filed in the superior court yesterday by Juan Lavin.

Lavin on November 14 was employed as a driller in the Little Daisy mine of the United Verde Extension, his complaint recites, and was injured by a rock blown from the drill he was operating. He alleges that the injury to his eye caused by the rock resulted in the loss of the eye's sight, and that the injury was caused by no fault of his own.

Good things to eat at Birch Cafe, St. Michael's. (adv)

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